

BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION MINUTES OF MEETING

Open Session

October 1, 2007

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:34am on the above date in Room 401, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Sandra Megerdichian, RN, MS

Jeannine Borozny, RN

Lynn Curran, CRNA

Cristiana Rosa, PCNS

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN

Sharon Smith, RN, MSN, President

Theresa Jeremiah RN

Joslin Leasca RNP

Michael Gerhardt

Katherine Lucas RN MS CCRN

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Elizabeth Lamonde, RN

Kristen Kamm RN

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Pam McCue, RN, MS, Director Nursing Registration and Nursing Education

Betsy James, RN Complaint Officer

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Ms Smith called the meeting to order at 8:34am. A quorum established at this time.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF

On motion of Ms. Rosa seconded by Ms Rodrigues, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report

DIRECTOR, NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION REPORT

The Director of Health Summarily Suspended Theresa Charette RN on September 25, 2007. She showed for work intoxicated.

The Board of Nursing was approved to receive grant funding for the implementation of multi-state licensure. Funding will allow for the purchase of three laptop computers, a portable printer, printed educational materials and for a full time temporary clerical assistant.

The Department is moving in the direction of requiring all med-techs to be licensed a CNAs. This will require a change in the CNA regulations. Med techs (as CNAs) will fall under the delegated authority of nurses. Thus the Director of the Board of Nursing will participate in an internal working committee to revise the CNA regulations. The Board of Nursing will be kept apprised of this and given an opportunity to provide a perspective on the proposed regulations.

Ms McCue deferred to Cristiana Rosa to report on the activities of NCSBN in developing standards in regulation of advanced practice nurses. Ms Rosa reported that she will be attending a conference on this topic November 12 -13th in Chicago. Ms Rosa will report back to

the Board after this meeting.

Ms McCue notified the Board that she received an inquiry from the BMLD asking for the Board's position of medical assistants mixing tumescent solutions. Ms McCue reported to the BMLD that this is not within the scope of medical assistants and that in certain hospital facilities nurses are not even allowed to do this. The Board expressed complete agreement with Ms McCue's response to the BMLD.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ms McCue introduced Cheryl Bennett, a graduate student at URI pursuing a MS in Nursing Administration. Ms Bennett described that she will be conducting research into the prevalence of substance abuse in nurses, the criteria of what makes up an effective non-disciplinary rehabilitation program, and the criteria for which nurses are appropriate for this type of program. Ms Bennet will be presenting her findings at the end of the semester to the Board.

B. Ms Dwyer, a guest presented to the Board that the RISNA annual meeting will be held on October 15, 2007 at the Providence Marriott Hotel.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms Borozny, seconded by Ms. Jeremiah, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Executive Session adjourned at 9:30am.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms Smith called the open session back to order at 12:30pm.

VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS OF 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

On motion of Ms. Leasca, seconded by Ms. Rodrigues, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes in as much as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

The Board voted to the following actions in Executive Session at

today's meeting:

Arthur Vaz- practical nurse license suspended.

Melanie Corburn –probation terms amended

Linda Edetsberger-reinstate RN license on probation with restrictions

Michael Rossi-reinstate RN license on probation with restrictions

The following cases were voted to have a finding of no unprofessional conduct

RNA07-057

RNA07-JPH

RNA07-052

PN07-048

RN07-036

RN07-058

ADJOURNMENT

On motion, Mr. Gerhardt, seconded by Ms Curran, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:52 pm. .

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Curran